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- The commandant of the Volkspolizei unit in the former Second Artillery Barracks in Rostock is a Lt. Col. Pilz (fnu).
- On 1 September 1949, about 2200 police were quartered in the barracks.
- On 1 October 1949, 1892 men were quartered in these barracks.
- On 23 October 1949, 1650 men were undergoing training in the barracks.
- On 1 November 1949, only 800 members of a Volkspolizei training unit were quartered in the barracks.
- All men who were prisoners of war in the West or who have families in the Western Zone are liable to immediate dismissal from the Volkspolizei. According to statistics available to the Volkspolizei administration, desertions amount to ten per cent.

Training consists of maneuvers, sports and the handling of light weapons including carbines and MGs; instruction is given in topography; no training is given with artillery. Training in the use of tanks will begin in the near future and a training tank was expected for this purpose. Those members of the Volkspolizei who are trained as radio telegraph operators and as radio mechanics receive their training with FuG VII and FuG X apparatus.

During the month of November the Volksgenozized in Eastock was to receive new uniforms consisting of air force grey service uniforms. The training units have already received field grey drill outfits cut in the same manner as the former military drill uniform. This consists of a field jacket having four pockets, and lace boots with short canvas leggings which strap on the side. Previously issued weapons are to be turned in and replaced with new weapons, although [REDACTED]. Each man was issued, for the first time, two leather cartridge cases each containing three sections. There is to be no further issue of pistols but only of rifles.

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